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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
08/947,681

Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Paul M. Rivard

Group Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to application filed September 26, 1997

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 26-35

☒ The drawings filed on Jun 24, 1997 are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 28

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Previous Examiner's Amendment (Paper No. 24):

The insertion made at the top of page 1 was deleted and the following was substituted therefor:

F ~~This~~ application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/602,686, filed February 1⁶, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/137,677, filed October 14, 1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 07/899,777, filed June 17, 1992, now abandoned. This application is also a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/008,529, filed January 25, 1993, now U.S. Patent 5,326,652. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/168,909, filed December 17, 1993, now U.S. Patent 5,497,140, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 07/928,899, filed August 12, 1992, now abandoned. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/489,185, filed June 9, 1995, now pending, which is a continuation of 08/123,030, filed September 14, 1993, now U.S. Patent 5,448,110.

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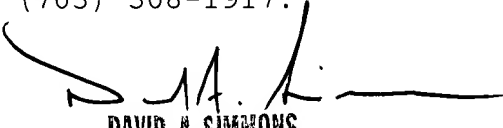
Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

U.S. Patent 5,340,968 to Watanabe *et al.* describes a process of making a radio frequency identification (RFID) transceiver wherein an IC chip and a battery are sealed between polymeric covers. See, e.g., column 24, lines 47-62. None of the prior art references teaches or suggests depositing a water-impervious barrier material onto polymeric cover materials to protect the battery and transceiver from contamination while permitting propagation of radio frequency waves, as is now claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul M. Rivard whose telephone number is (703) 308-1917.


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